

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

NIKERRAY MIDDLEBROOK,)
)
Petitioner,)
)
v.) Civil Action NO. 05-827-SLR
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THOMAS CARROLL,)
Warden, and CARL)
DANBERG, Attorney)
General of the State of)
Delaware,)
)
Respondents.)

O R D E R

At Wilmington this 9th day of January, 2006, the petition of Nikerray Middlebrook for a Writ of Habeas Corpus having been reviewed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, Rule 4;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, Rules 3(b) and 4, the clerk shall forthwith serve by certified mail a copy of the petition, (D.I. 2), the order dated December 20, 2005, (D.I. 3), the AEDPA election form, (D.I. 4), and this order upon: (1) the above-named Warden of the facility in which petitioner is housed; and (2) the Attorney General of the State of Delaware.

2. Within **forty-five (45)** days of receipt of the petition and this order, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2254, Rule 5, respondents shall:

a. State whether the petitioner has exhausted his state remedies including any post-conviction remedies available to him under the statutes or procedural rules of the State and including also his right of appeal both from the judgment of conviction and from any adverse judgment or order in the post-conviction proceeding;

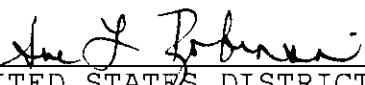
b. State whether any claim in the petition is barred by a procedural bar, non-retroactivity, or the statute of limitations;

c. Respond to the allegations of the petition;

d. Indicate what transcripts (of pretrial, trial, sentencing, and post-conviction proceedings) are available, when they can be furnished, and also what proceedings have been recorded and not transcribed;

e. Attach to the answer certified copies of such portions of the transcripts as may be material to the questions raised in the petition, as well as certified copies of the petitioner's brief(s) on appeal (direct and/or post-conviction) and of the opinion(s) of the appellate court, if any.

3. The clerk shall mail a copy of this order forthwith to the petitioner.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE